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Council Receives an Overview On City Emergency Planning

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council at its July 19 meeting received an extensive staff presentation on the city's Emergency Operations Plan and emergency preparedness. Staff also showed a new satellite telephone the city had recently received that will help enable its forces to communicate with other emergency teams and demonstrated a new Greenbelt Alert emergency notification system planned to become operational this summer.

In a slide presentation City Manager Michael McLaughlin reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan. He pointed out that the types of emergencies are more varied than those prepared for in the Cold War days when emergency shelters were declared for use in atomic bomb attacks.

Currently no one knows what the next event might be or when it would occur, he said. The emphasis now is to be flexible in response, to provide better communications and to stress the value of planning to stay put by seeking shelter in place.

McLaughlin noted that Greenbelt's government has limited authority and limited capabilities. It is low in the state's hierarchy of emergency management, which relies primarily on county governments supplemented and supported by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Prince George's County now operates an emergency opera-

tions center around the clock in Landover.

Greenbelt's limited role is as first responder. Its emergency personnel will be first on the scene to assess and identify the situation and call for additional support as appropriate. Another responsibility will be to get the word out to residents by using sirens and loudspeakers, going door-to-door and implementing alert systems. In defining the roles of the various city departments, the first goal is to save lives.

Operations Center

An emergency operations center will be established either at the Municipal Building or in the police station. In charge will be the city manager or his designee. The manager can declare a state of emergency. As the public face of local government, council will be kept informed.

The city's plan does not define the city response to specific scenarios, McLaughlin said. Specific elements of the emergency event will define the response. It will focus on handling the first few hours, such as making facilities available for shelter.

The long-term role will be held by the state, county and federal governments. City resources will be brought to bear on restoring the community.

Prince George's County has prepared and is equipped to handle emergencies, McLaughlin

continued. It has emergency management operations staff, a command center and mobile centers. It operates fire and emergency medical services with capabilities for dealing with hazardous materials.

The county police have such needed specialties as a bomb squad. In case of a pandemic outbreak, the health department would be locally responsible for handling the matter.

Federal resources are routed through the state and counties. MEMA is the state agency responsible for communicating with the counties.

Because Greenbelt is a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), however, McLaughlin noted that it is involved with ongoing coordination with the federal government, the National Capital Region Homeland Security Office, the Office of Personnel Management and the Joint Force Headquarters for the National Capital Region.

McLaughlin listed recent actions by the city government, including reviewing and upgrading city facilities to better support the community and respond to emergencies.

Generators have been installed at the police station, the Community Center, the Municipal Building and at Green Ridge House.

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Holly Menninger

PHOTO BY ESTHER NGUONLY

the general public that were never raised before about insects.

"Everyone knows about the nasty insects that plague our lives – mosquitoes, bedbugs, ticks," Menninger said. However, when she began making public presentations, she said, "I got to talk about cool insects like the ones in my research."

She pointed out that insects such as bees pollinate flowers for gardens while others feed on dead animals, helping to decompose them so that carcasses are not left lying around. Some insects decompose streams which prevent

See **MENNINGER** page 6

Groundbreaking Is Monday For New Skateboard Park

by Michael McLaughlin, City Manager

The start of construction on the long-awaited skate park will be marked with a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. On hand for the ceremony will be the Greenbelt City Council, County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters and many others that had a hand in bringing the skate park project to this point. Greenbelt youth and skaters of all ages and the public are invited to join in the celebration of this event.

Location

The Greenbelt Skate Park will be located behind the Community Center just up from the Greenbelt Youth Center where the groundbreaking will occur.

The park, which has been under development for four years, has gone through many iterations and a number of site locations. The final park will be centered on two in-ground skating bowls and constructed ramps and angles to provide skaters of all skill levels a myriad of riding opportunities and experiences. It should be a great improvement over the original concept which consisted of a flat surface with modular

ramps and rails.

Construction will begin this summer and take about three months. The city has contracted with California Landscape Design (CLD) of Upland, Calif., to do the construction. CLD is currently working on a skate park in Olney, Md., and will move to Greenbelt as that project nears completion.

Cost

Greenbelt's project, which will cost approximately \$250,000, is being funded by \$200,000 provided by County Councilmember Peters and \$50,000 of Program Open Space funds.

The project was unfortunately delayed for an extended period while zoning issues and various reviews were conducted by permitting agencies such as the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources. The delays were frustrating to everyone, especially to the youth looking for a place to ride and to their families. However, the city is pleased that it is time to move forward and invites the public to the groundbreaking on Monday.

1996 Outstanding Citizen Finds New Ways to Serve

by Joe Timer

The Outstanding Citizen award is presented annually during the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival to a Greenbelt resident who has provided exemplary volunteer service, past and present. The award was first given in 1973.

Greenbelt's 1996 Outstanding Citizen – Paul Rall – epitomizes the activities of many unrecognized volunteers. He and the other 32 recipients of the Outstanding Citizen Award over the years have provided countless hours of unpublicized service.

When asked about his reaction to being selected Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen, Rall responded, "I was surprised and honored to be listed among those individuals that have contributed to the city." He added, "Lots of good people have been added to the list since I was recognized in 1996."

Rall's parents raised him with the belief that community service was a responsibility of each of us. When he first moved to

Greenbelt, his initial volunteer efforts involved his church – St. Hugh's. That involvement continues today. For the last 12 years, he has been financial secretary of the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Hugh's.

Another interest involves cooperatives. Rall is active on two boards – the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op and the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, where he also serves as chair of the Supervisory Committee.

Rall is a believer in clean communities. He can be spotted picking up trash on a solo walk in Greenbelt or participating with the Goddard Retirees & Alumni Association as they do their monthly clean-up along a one-mile stretch of Good Luck Road. "If everyone picked up trash, there would be none!" according to Rall.

Other Contributions

Greenbelt's 1996 Outstanding See **RALL**, page 6

For the Love of Insects Profile: Holly Menninger

by Esther Nguonly

When Holly Menninger was a child, she refused to be a flower girl at her uncle's wedding because she was afraid to walk down the aisle with rows of people looking at her.

Today, she has emerged well out of hiding and finds herself in the middle of many public discussions about her life's passion – insects. She does periodic interviews with CNN's American Morning and local news sources and helps to organize events and discussions disseminating information about insects to the community locally and at large.

Menninger, 28, is a resident of Greenbelt and a finishing Ph.D. candidate of behavior, ecology, evolution and systematics at the University of Maryland in College Park.

While her family had always taught her to appreciate nature, it was not until she had finished working at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and after she entered college that her love of insects developed.

Menninger graduated with a degree in biology from Denison University in Cincinnati. She entered her doctoral program at College Park six years ago and works closely with her advisor, Margaret Palmer. In her research in the Biology and Entomology Departments, Menninger examines the links between terrestrial insect systems and aquatic systems, such as how terrestrial insects provide food for those in streams.

Before and during the influx of the periodical or 17-year cicadas in the summer of 2004, Menninger was part of an organization called "Cicada-maniacs" which was dedicated to informing the public about the unique insect. Since then, she has been interviewed by various news organizations seeking her expertise about cicadas and other insects.

"Whenever they have a weird insect question, they call me," Menninger said.

She said that the cicada appearance was an important time because it raised questions among

What Goes On

Monday, July 17

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Capital Projects, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Thursday, July 20

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

ATM at Co-op:
Proactive Service

I would like to commend the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative supermarket and the Bank of America for replacing the ATM in the co-op with a blind-friendly, accessible machine. It is equipped with speech output, Braille text on the unit and audible instructions. A standard earphone or headset is required for privacy. This new system will help blind citizens as well as other folks with vision problems or just people who forget their glasses.

I urge everyone to give it a try and congratulate the market and the bank for their proactive community action.

Kenneth A. Silberman

THANK YOU

The family of Margaret (Peg) McAndrew would like to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy received in the recent and sudden loss of our mother. Also, for the many prayers, cards, Mass cards, letters of condolence, generous donations to the MS Society in Peg's name and flowers.

Thanks to all who attended Peg's funeral Mass at St. Hugh's, which showed us what we already knew – that she was very special. Many thanks to Monsignor O'Donnell, Father Tappe and the members of St. Hugh's for a wonderful service. We would also like to thank the Greenbelt City Police Department, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary for their many acts of kindness and assistance.

We are truly honored and proud to have been raised in such a wonderful community of kind and thoughtful people that makes Greenbelt such a special place.

Tom McAndrew

Neil McLeod:
A Great Neighbor

As many of you know, my neighbor Neil McLeod died on July 1, 2006, from cancer. He was a great neighbor – shoveling snow from his neighbors' parking spaces in winter to helping me carry the heavy cat litter to my door.

Last Halloween I sat with him and Patty as he gave out candy to the trick-or-treaters and made comments about their costumes. It was heartwarming to sit there and enjoy the sights and sounds with Neil and Patty.

In his last days, he did not want us to know the extent of his cancer nor the pain that he was carrying. He will be missed. We in 6 Court Plateau Place had a wonderful neighbor and will always think of him with his infectious smile and his love of his fellow humans.

Joyce M. Yarwood

Correction

In the June 29 issue on page 8 we ran an article covering the placement of a new anti-littering sign prepared by Greenbelt children, along with a charming photo of the smiling children looking on as State Highway Administration workers installed the new sign. However, our photo credit for the picture was incorrectly attributed to Barbara Simon. She tells us this photo was taken by Bill Cornett. The News Review regrets the error.

Four in a Row for Swim Team

by Leslie Hilliard

It began with a rallying cheer for victory; it ended with a cheer thanking the host team. On July 8 the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team swam to their fourth victory of the season against the Adelphi Recreation Swim Team, winning 291 to 245. The teams have a long swimming history together, over 50 years of competition.



PHOTO BY LESLIE HILLIARD

Greenbelt swim team girls 11-12 age group gather before the relays for a winning picture.

Greenbelt Barracuda's triple event winner at this meet was Courtney Like-Mathews for the age 11-12, 50-meter Butterfly, Backstroke and Individual Medley.

The swim team's last competitive dual meet of the season will be on July 15 against the West Arundel Swim Team.

Healey Scholarships for 16 Greenbelters

A committee of volunteer citizens from District 22 selected by Delegate Anne Healey chose 16 Greenbelt students for state senatorial scholarships. Scholarships were awarded in conjunction with community organizations in the district including the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education. The Greenbelt students were among 78 recipients from District 22 in Prince George's County.


The following Greenbelters were selected to receive a Delegate Anne Healey scholarship: Erik B. Christiansen, Nicholas Dobson, Dolly Friend-Gomez, Jilian Friend-Gomez, Mark Gonzalez, Cory Holland, Jessica House, Danielle Miller, Blessing Ohameje, Modup Ojessanmi, Mary Paradiso, Dominick Robles, Corinne Tull, Marian Toronka, Shaina Tucker and Oliver Ventura.

Applications for the scholarship next year will be available

in January at the beginning of the Legislative Session and must be returned by April 1. To be eligible, students must be residents of District 22 and must be planning to attend or currently are attending a Maryland institution of higher learning.

Botanic Garden Hosts
Plant Family Reunion

Relax this summer in the Conservatory Terrace gardens amidst the U.S. Botanic Garden's own twist on family gatherings. A grand reunion for 11 plant families has been staged. People will be surprised how many of their far-flung members will show up! The Terrace gardens showcase both the diversity and the shared characteristics among these beautiful and useful plant relatives. Everyone is invited. This exhibit runs through October 16.



Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 7, to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
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Name of Nominee

Address

Nominated By:

Name(s) (please print)

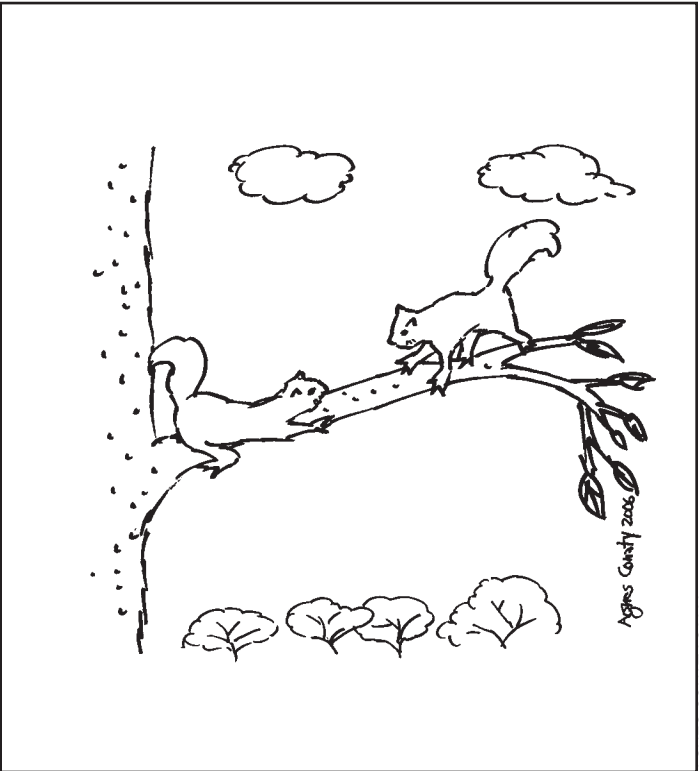
Signature(s)

Phone

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!

Grin Belt



"The Italians won the World Cup because the Frenchman, Zidane, did not practice yoga."

On Screen

Making Way for “Prada”

Opening Friday, July 14 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, “The Devil Wears Prada” brings big-city cut-and-thrust to Roosevelt Center. A ne-plus-ultra New York fashion editor – played to the nines by ever-redoubtable Meryl Streep – strikes sparks in taking on a neophyte journalism school grad (Ann Hathaway). Called fat (as a size 6), the otherwise knockout-looking newcomer is a stranger to the trade and no clothes horse she; not even a pony, just looking to punch her ticket in the magazine world. Fold in an arch art director (Stanley Tucci) and the battle is fully joined: Will the grad make the grade? Director David Frankel, best known for heading up HBO's slick, stylish “Sex and the City,” works deftly with a screenplay by Aline Brosh McKenna (which draws from a 2003 novel) in ranging from glittering surface to satirical edge. PG-13, 109 minutes.

–Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Co-op Member Alert: Use 'em or Lose 'em

Co-op Treasurer Joe Timer urges any members of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket who have not yet used their Co-op refund voucher to use it or cash it in by the end of this month. All 2006 refund vouchers expire the end of July, the end of the Co-op's fiscal year. Refund vouchers were mailed to members in December 2005.

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Meeting

The July meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch group will be held on Tuesday, July 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of the Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

Among the topics to be discussed is the recent canoe trip along the Anacostia River, the proposed bike tour of the watershed, the upcoming Labor Day Parade and possible clean-up sites.

Everyone is welcome to attend this friendly, welcoming group and to contribute to the direction it will be taking in upcoming months.

Softball Seniors Battle Parkville

In a see-saw game at home on Monday, July 10 Greenbelt Seniors led Parkville 10-7 until the visitors rallied with five runs in the 6th inning, then added five more in the 7th. Greenbelt scored in the 9th but fell short, 17-12, to open the second half of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League.

Lead-off batter John Horst-kamp drew three walks and singled for a perfect game. "Mac" McNamara and Rodney Hull stroked two singles each, John Benish doubled twice and Eli Flam tripled, singled and walked. Manager Ray Reed relieved starting pitcher John Strekel in the 6th; Sterling Tropp and Burt Kerr split catching duties. "Lefty" Smith, Irv Salzberg, Dave Kerr and Larry Dandridge also singled; Fred Bohle walked and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

New Computer Club Forming

The Greenbelt Computer Geeks will meet for the first time on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 103. Bring ideas for an educational and enjoyable computer club. "Advanced geeks, newbie geeks, senior geeks, young geeks, even wannabe geeks – everyone is welcome," says Mary Camp, organizer of the first meeting of the club.

Fourth's Late Start Due to Rainstorm

For those who noticed the delay (the many who were anticipating the opening salvo) in the start of Greenbelt's Fourth of July fireworks, here's the explanation:

According to Greenbelt Director of Public Works Kenny Hall, the delay was caused by the afternoon rainstorm. It delayed the city crew in setting up all the firework pieces by normal show time. The show started about 20 minutes later than usual.

Still Creek Friends Meet

The Still Creek Friends Group invites everyone to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek watershed. Learn how to help in the protection and restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River. Meet at the Ranger Station classroom on Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. RSVP Kate Levendosky at 202-962-3374 or email klevendosky@mwecog.org.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The Greenbelt Park website address is www.nps.gov/gree.

Greenbelt Park Hosts Volunteer Trails Day

The National Park Service and REI will host a National Park Service Volunteer day at Greenbelt Park to help with the park trails on Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food will be available at the end of the event to celebrate the accomplishments. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, insect repellent and bring gloves.

Volunteers will resurface and repair trails. This involves physical labor including pushing, using shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.

Registration is mandatory so pre-register by calling REI at 301-982-9681.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events

Friday, July 14, noon – GHI offices close for company picnic

Tuesday, July 18, 8:30 a.m. – Ad-Hoc Yard Line meeting, GHI Library

Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors meeting, Board Room

Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. – Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Choral Society Plans Auditions in August

Prince George's Choral Society has openings for sopranos, although all qualified singers are welcome to audition. Auditions will be held on August 14 and 21 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road.

Call Dorothy Miller at 301-336-8539 or Llyn Tamantini at 301-441-1947.

Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, July 15 at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin setting up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:30 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies, the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

Forum to Be Held For Arts Community

On Saturday, July 29 beginning at noon at the Greenbelt Branch Library, the Prince George's Arts Council will hold an open forum for artists, actors, musicians, dancers, writers, arts educators and everyone interested in supporting the arts in the community.

This is an opportunity to voice concerns and expectations and to discover how to contribute to the future of the arts in the county. The Prince George's Arts Council hopes to use this forum to inform the arts community of future plans, as well as provide artists of all disciplines a chance to give voice to their aspirations and challenges.

This forum is the second of a series of regional "listening sessions" the Council is holding around the county. According to Steven Newsome, the newly-appointed director of the Council, "These listening sessions are part of our efforts to renew, revise and restructure on the road to revival. It is important that we acknowledge and celebrate the wealth of talented artists who call Prince George's County home. The Arts Council has a responsibility to make sure that artists of all backgrounds connect with each other. We also have to find new ways to connect eager supporters and patrons of the arts with this tremendous treasure of homegrown talent."

MOBILE POSTAL VAN: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building Parking Lot

A New Club for Greenbelt Greenbelt Computer Geeks

Lover them or hate them, as long as you are interested in learning or sharing your knowledge about computers you have what it takes to be a Geek. Come join us at our first meeting on Thursday July 20 at 7:00pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103, 15 Crescent Road. Bring your ideas for an educational and enjoyable computer club. Advanced geeks, newbie geeks, senior geeks, young geeks, even wannabe geeks – everyone is welcome.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, July 20, 2006 GHI Board Room 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Unpermitted Replacement Fence, 57 P Ridge
- Contract for Sewer Piping Repairs at 2 G/H Westway – 2nd Reading
- Unallocated Funds

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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New Female Rector Praises St. George's Community

by Esther Ngunjiri

St. George's Episcopal Church in Glenn Dale, a home for many Greenbelt Episcopalians, welcomed a new rector to the parish community in March.

Reverend Connie Reinhardt comes to St. George's from St. Paul's Church in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where she was an associate rector.



Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Entering at the end of the season of Lent, Reinhardt launched right into Holy Week and Easter, delving quickly into her new position as the second rector of St. George's Glenn Dale Parish.

Reinhardt graduated with a degree in American studies at Wellesley College in Boston. She did her graduate work in seminary training at Yale Divinity School.

A passionate sports fan, Reinhardt plays soccer as goalie for the Washington Area Women's Soccer League and is an avid supporter of the Red Sox, the New England Patriots and the national women's soccer team. She joins the local soccer league and the parish with an energized enthusiasm for both her new positions.

Reinhardt has thus far found her experience at St. George's to be rewarding and welcoming. "St. George's is a very inviting and wonderful mix of people," she says. "We have racially and ethnically diverse groups, deaf people, gay and lesbian families. We want to see St. George's involved with the wider community, to grow in faith and invite people to what we see as a wonderful place and community."

Recently the Episcopal Church elected its first female bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, to lead the worldwide community, which Reinhardt praises as a big step. "I find the Episcopal church to be a welcoming place," she says. "We don't have to agree, but we keep moving forward. Our church is trying to figure out how to live with each other and disagree about issues, such as what

it means to have a female bishop or a gay or lesbian priest."

Ordained as an "out" lesbian at 29, Reinhardt believes such steps are paving the way for new leaders in the church to find their place. Being a lesbian, she found, brought challenges to her ordination process but many of her predecessors have taken important steps to put forth opportunities for entering leaders like herself. "Women who went through the ordination process in the 1970s made it so that we can have a female bishop 30 years later. The fact that I am a priest at all is a testament to those women," Reinhardt says.

Additionally, because the previous rector at St. George's, Michael Hopkins, was an openly gay man with a partner, she found it easier to make her way into the parish.

"One of the reasons that I'm here is because St. George's is such a great place and community, where I could be an effective leader no matter who I am or who my partner is," said Reinhardt.

"People are really looking for a place to both experience and express their faith in God. They're looking for a community that is going to invite them to share their experience and for a place that they can really share their faith. The wonderful thing about St. George's is that you can share faith and all acknowledge that we're searching for more and more of God's truth."



From Logan, Utah, comes joyous news of the June 10, 2006, marriage of former Greenbelter Leonard Mikesell and Virginia Solee. The couple, who had been acquainted for many decades here in church, renewed their friendship and kindled a romance in the year since Mr. Mikesell was widowed. The new Mrs. Mikesell moved to Utah to join him. The rest, as they say, is history. Congratulations Mikesells!



Leonard and Virginia Mikesell

Congratulations also to Thomas Yarwood, son of Joyce Yarwood of Greenbelt and William Yarwood of Anchorage, Alaska, who was married to Elizabeth Marcey, daughter of Charles and Sharon Marcey of Luray, Va. The wedding took place on July 1, 2006, at Leakes Chapel in Stanley, Va. After honeymooning in Las Vegas, the couple is residing in Luray.

Our best wishes to Alex Barnes of Greenbelt, who married Brianne Boylen on July 1, 2006. This fall the couple expect to go to somewhere in the South Pacific as teachers in the Peace Corps.

Congratulations also to Gayle (Yael) Tzemach, who graduated from Harvard Business School with honors on June 8. Out of a graduating class of 904 students Tzemach was one of five recipients of the Dean's award for outstanding leadership and service. The god-daughter of Elaine Cameron of Mandan Road, Greenbelt East, Tzemach lived in Greenbelt in her early years and is a 1991 graduate of ERHS. After graduation she attended the University of Missouri, where she graduated

Boylan – Barnes



Alex Barnes, Greenbelt, married Brianne (Bri) Boylan of Des Moines, Iowa, on July 1, 2006, in Saylorville Lake Park, Ia. Other Greenbelters in attendance were the groom's father, Alexander Barnes and his mother and step-father, Sandra and David Lange. The wedding party included Barnes' brother David as best man and Barnes' friend Dave Schuman, both of Greenbelt. Former Greenbelter Ed Belisle, who now lives in Denver, Colo., also was in attendance. Barnes

and Belisle have been friends since pre-school days.

Following the wedding, the couple went on a three-week trip to the west coast. They plan to return briefly to Greenbelt in September and expect to begin their tour of duty in the Peace Corps in the fall; they will serve somewhere in the South Pacific Islands. Barnes expects to teach math and physics while his wife will teach English. Barnes previously served three years in the Peace Corps in Tanzania, East Africa.

in 1995 with honors in journalism. Her first job after college was in Atlanta working for CNN; she has also worked for CBS News and ABC News in Washington, D.C. She has accepted a position in a financial management firm in Orange County in southern California, where she will begin working later this summer.

Congratulations to Michelle Ann Griffith, who was named to

the Dean's list at York College of Pennsylvania for the Spring Semester 2006. Griffith, the daughter of Joseph and Linda Griffith, graduated from St. Vincent Pallotti and is pursuing a degree in public relations with a minor in communication.

Welcome to Susan Weisel, David Skaggs and Dominick Johnson, who have joined the staff of the Public Works Department.

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Members of the Roosevelt Club will participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival with its traditional funnel cake booth; a Democratic Party Information Booth, next to the funnel cakes, for the entire weekend, Sept. 1-4; and a contingent marching in the parade on Monday morning. Four members of Greenbelt's club, Mary Jane Coolen, Jennifer Gore, Suzanne St. Cyr and Pat Unger are members of the Maryland Democratic Party's Women's Leadership Network which seeks to increase women's participation in campaigns and voting.

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City Information

Monday, July 17, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session re: Capital Projects, Municipal Building, (live on Channel 71).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

Session Dates: July 17 thru August 11,
Registration ongoing until classes filled.

Passholders and Residents may register: Sat., July 15. Open
Registration: Sunday, July 16 and Monday July 17th. For
class listings visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.
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RAIN BARRELS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

City residents, both single-family and GHI, can purchase rain barrels through a GHI bulk purchase program. The cost is approximately \$189.00 plus shipping. Please contact Matt Berres at 301-474-4161 ext. 132 for further information.

What is the purpose of a rain barrel? A rain barrel is designed to collect water after a rain so that you can use it how and where you want to on your property. The rain barrels can be connected to your downspout, and have a spigot that enables you to hook up a hose for watering. Why is having a rain barrel good for my yard? Your lawn, flowers, bushes and other plantings prefer natural rain water to chlorinated tap water.

Why is getting a rain barrel good for my wallet? Installing a rain barrel will result in a direct cost saving by reducing the amount of water you purchase for irrigating lawns and landscaped areas. According to the Maryland Department of Environment, as much as 40% of residential water used is for outside uses.

How does using a rain barrel help the Chesapeake Bay? By storing rainwater, a rain barrel helps slow down the flow of water that comes off your rooftop. When rain barrels are emptied a few days after a storm the rain water can be absorbed into the ground instead of rushing from downspouts into underground pipes and into streams where it causes erosion of stream banks and harms aquatic life in the stream.

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CERT TRAINING

The Summer Community Emergency Response Team training sessions will be condensed into one Saturday & Sunday Session from 8am-4pm each. It is mandatory to complete both days in order to graduate and receive recognition as a member of the Prince George's County Community Emergency Response Team Program.

To register please contact Tony Hairston at 301-583-1899.

Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30
from 8am-4 pm

Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784
 Registration is limited to the first 25 to register.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, July 17 at 8pm:
City Council Work Session “live” **Tuesday & Thursday, July 18**
& 20: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Pain Management” **6:30pm**
“Greenbelt DARE” **7:30pm** “Springhill Lake DARE” **8:30pm**
Replay of Council Work Session of 7/17

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, July 19 & 21: 7pm “Bill Frazier’s Fir Tree Dedication **7:45pm** Prince George’s Little Theater’s “Twelfth Night”

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Personal protection equipment for the police has been upgraded. Reviews also have been undertaken following emergency situations such as Y2K, the fire at Greenbriar and city involvement with Hurricanes Isabel and Katrina.

CERT

The city has established a Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer group to assist first responders. The volunteers receive specialized training to participate. Persons interested in volunteering should contact the police department.

Greenbelt Alert, the text-based emergency notification system soon to be implemented, and the recently acquired satellite phones are other assets. McLaughlin noted that the city website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, has created links to emergency preparedness sites like the American Red Cross and MEMA. Mutual-aid agreements have been and are being negotiated with other jurisdictions, including one involving public works.

McLaughlin assured council that the city will continue to practice, review and upgrade its preparedness for emergencies. The region, as well, continues to assess its capabilities and how to create interoperability.

There is also ongoing discussion about how to inform people of emergencies, including talk about reestablishing the fire siren alert system.

The city manager also suggested what individuals should do. He urged residents to prepare a plan and practice it. He suggested using a preparation booklet as a guide, such as one recently produced by the county or one prepared by the American Red Cross.

Residents should keep on hand needed supplies, such as food, water and medication in order to be self-sufficient for at least three to five days. He suggested that the home emergency plan include designating a notification tree and a meeting point.

Residents should also consider evacuation options. Lastly, he proposed that residents sign up for Greenbelt Alert when it becomes operational.

Comments

Mayor Judith Davis commented that after reviewing the plan she felt that other topics needed to be added, including the subject of animal control and assistance for companion animals. The particular problems of the special-needs population should be addressed. Stronger mutual aid ties with COG also were needed, she felt. There was also need for a weather-alert notification system.

The mobile satellite telephone, in a big orange box, was shown to council. It is intended for use by a vehicle at the scene of an emergency. The other telephone received from Homeland Security will be placed at the police station.

It was noted that these telephones are not foolproof. For the mobile satellite phone to work, an antenna needs to be set up and placed where it is able to beam a signal to the satellite. A two-way feature will enable these telephones to communicate between emergency centers while also communicating with the emergency site.

Obtained through COG, the telephones cost about \$25,000 and require a monthly fee of \$200. To use the telephone costs \$1.19 a minute. At present, a Home-

Disaster Supply List

The Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security has prepared a list of supplies for every homeowner to keep on hand in case of an emergency caused by some kind of disaster. More information on emergency preparedness can be obtained on both the city and county websites. Also, Prince George's County prepared and has distributed to all residences an Emergency Preparedness Guide which goes into greater detail about how residents can prepare for situations when extended shelter must be taken in your home or you must evacuate.

Disaster Supply Kit, Recommended Supplies List

Medical: Sterile adhesive bandages, scissors, tweezers, needle, moist towelettes, antiseptic, thermometer, petroleum jelly, cleanser/soap, aspirin/pain reliever, antacid, gloves, alcohol swabs, bottled alcohol (for equipment not patient), sterile water (not for drinking) and medical tape.

Tools and Supplies: paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, flashlight and extra batteries, non-electric can-opener and utility knife, pliers, tape, signal flare, needles and thread, wrench, map of the area and aluminum foil.

Sanitation: soap, personal hygiene items, plastic bags with ties, plastic bucket with tight lid, disinfectant and household chlorine bleach.

Food and Water: Store water in plastic containers. Store one gallon per person per day for three weeks. Store at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no preparation and little water. Replace stored water every three months and stored food every six.

Other: at least one complete change of clothes, sunglasses, sturdy shoes/work boots and rain gear.

Some people may require special items such as: infant formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, prescription medications, insulin, denture needs, extra eyeglasses/contacts lenses and supplies.

Also, keep with you any important family documentation such as: birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, bank account numbers, deeds, credit card numbers and companies, insurance policies and passports. Keep these items in a watertight container!

Updated information from the Prince George's County government can be obtained on the agency website at www.goprincegeorges.com. City of Greenbelt information is posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

land Security grant pays for the expense.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted he had become aware of problems with the ability to use these radio telephones in many situations. He thought the best means of inter-communication remained the old-fashioned CB radio.

Greenbelt Alert

Assistant Manager David Moran provided council with a demonstration of the Greenbelt Alert. For this purpose, councilmembers had been instructed to bring their cell phones to the meeting. (One went off while council was conducting business and an embarrassed councilmember quickly found it and turned off the ringer.)

At that point councilmembers were asked to turn on their telephones. Using a computer, Moran composed a text message.

Soon each councilmember's telephone began to ring. Several, who had not had experience with text messaging, had to play around with their phones until they figured out how to bring the message up on their screens. Eventually all were able to do so.

Moran explained that the city system would be set up so that all who registered with the city would be able to receive emergency alert messages sent out by the city – if they had cell phones, PDA or computer set ups to receive a text message and if their equipment was turned on.

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Citizen was also involved in a crime-watch program, after-school reading programs, food for the homeless and fund-raising for the mentally retarded.

Rall has added tax-preparation services to that list. During the last 10 years, Rall has provided tax-preparation assistance through the county-sponsored "Tax Counseling for the Elderly" program. That program involves about 30 volunteers serving the needs of senior citizens and those with limited incomes in northern Prince George's County.

In his earlier days, Paul Rall played softball and was a recreational pilot. Later he enjoyed watching his son-in-law and his daughter (Frances Fendlay) play softball. Most recently he followed closely the ice-hockey activities of his grandson, who played for DeMatha High School.

A committee will select 2006's Outstanding Citizen from nominations submitted by the community. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers requires input from citizens like you! Nominations are due August 7. Help the committee identify this year's outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form elsewhere in this paper.

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by Kenneth Silberman

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Ourselves! We will be the first responders in an overwhelming natural or man-made emergency because it may be days before public-safety personnel will be able to arrive on the scene.

This is where the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will step in.

The CERT program is a proud partner of Citizen Corps, the effort to have all Americans prepare, train and volunteer. It is sponsored by the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management, the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Greenbelt Police Department.

CERT educates us and our neighbors about disaster preparedness. It trains us in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations for free in only 20 hours.

We are then ready to assist our families, friends and colleagues

in a crisis when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Training

The CERT Program offers us this basic training and an emergency kit to keep, opportunities for advanced training and the comradeship of the common bond of service to one's community.

All we have to do in return is what we can when we can. There is no commitment after the initial training, although we hope all graduates will become proud members of the Greenbelt CERT.

Whether graduates choose to become formal CERT members or not, we all have the peace of mind of knowing that trained volunteers are in our neighborhoods ready to act.

For those who wish to join Greenbelt CERT or to find out more about the program, please go to the CERT web site at <https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> or contact us directly.

Greenbelt CERT can be reached by contacting Bill Holland, coordinator, at 301-345-0231. Everyone is welcome.

Greenbelt CERT meets on the third Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Road.

There are no medical requirements. All you need to have is the desire to help.

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clogs from leaves and wood and many serve as food for other animals, such as fish.

"We are like the public relations people for insects. It's a group of organisms that people don't really care about, unless they're pests. We find that it's important to point out the interesting jobs that insects do," Menninger said. "If we can get people really excited about that, then – mission accomplished."

While research focuses on bridging connections between land and water insects, her professional goals are to bridge the scientific world of insects with politics and society.

"I'm now looking for a job in science policy, where your job is to translate science and put together information to make it understandable for lawmakers and policy makers," Menninger said.

In her free time, Menninger loves hiking, knitting, cooking and gardening. "I appreciate insects but I'm not all-consumed," she said.

Menninger said that if she could be an insect, she would be a dragonfly. She has a soft spot in her heart for dragonflies, since it was the first group of insects she researched when she began her study.

A dragonfly begins its life cycle underwater before it emerges, Menninger described. When it does, its back splits open and the larva does a back flip out of its exoskeleton and into the air.

"They are so graceful and can do fantastic aerial maneuvers," she said. "Their lifestyles are intriguing and they look very different underdeveloped than they do as an adult."

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

June 29, 4 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, two resident men, Eridiel Estrada-Trjillo and Jojelio Lopez-Grajales of 5915 Cherrywood Terrace, were arrested and charged with robbery and conspiracy. A food delivery person reported that he knocked on the door of a residence in an attempt to make a delivery. When two men answered the door, one of them displayed a knife as the second announced a robbery. They took the delivery person's wallet and cell phone and then assaulted him before fleeing the scene, cutting him in the hip area. The victim declined treatment for minor injuries. During a search of the area the suspects were located in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, still in possession of the wallet, cell phone and knife. Both were arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 29, 9:49 p.m., Beltway Plaza, the victims reported that they were approached by as many as ten 15- to 16-year-old youths in the front parking lot who demanded the victims' bicycles and began punching and kicking the victims. The assailants fled across Greenbelt Road without taking the bikes but instead took one of the victims' backpack.

July 1, 12:09 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was riding his bicycle when he was approached by as many as four or five young men. One punched the man and took his wallet and bicycle. The men then fled the scene. The victim declined treatment for minor injuries to his face.

July 7, 8:36 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking near a basketball court when he was approached by approximately 10 men. They punched and kicked the man several times and took money from his pants pocket. The victim declined treatment for a laceration to his lip.

Counterfeit Currency

June 30, 3:57 p.m., 7900 Goodluck Road, a cashier at the Seven-Eleven reported that a man entered the store and attempted to pay for merchandise with what appeared to be a counterfeit \$100 bill. The cashier refused to ac-

cept the bill for payment, kept the bill and contacted police. The man fled the store. He is described as a black male, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a blue hat.

Theft

July 2, Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

July 5, 3:16 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a 40 caliber handgun was taken from a residence.

Vandalism

July 4, 10:21 p.m., 10 Court Crescent Road, unknown person(s) vandalized the pedestrian underpass, spray painting the walls.

Burglary

July 1, 10:04 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. Two watches and jewelry were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1991 Nissan Sentra 2-door, Virginia tags KAL5893 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a 2004 Dodge Pickup from Greenway Center recovered in Suitland; a silver 1997 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags MEZ924 from the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive; a 1999 Plymouth van from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive recovered in Landover; a champagne 2003 Toyota 4-door, Maryland tags LEW319 from the 7200 block Hanover Drive; and a 2004 Suzuki motorcycle from the 7200 block Mandan Road recovered in Landover.

Four vehicles were recovered

by the Prince George's police with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from, attempted theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road (three incidents), 8000 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Greenbelt Road, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 7100 block Lake Park Drive (two incidents), Parkway, 6000 block Breezewood Drive (two incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Tererace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza (two incidents).

Mental Health Workshop Offered

NAMI's July workshop on Thursday, July 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. will feature a discussion of the Maryland Consumer Quality Team Initiative. The speaker will be Joanne Meekins, director, Consumer Quality Team (CQT), Mental Health Association of Maryland.

Meekins will present an update and provide opportunity for dialogue on the state's effort to implement consumer/family teams to conduct site visits of inpatient and community-based programs. The CQT initiative will implement three pilot programs this year with hopes of expanding in the future throughout the state. The workshop will take place at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. For more information call Mary Kelley at 301-577-6026.

Police Ask Public to Offer Comments

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc. will arrive August 5 to examine all aspects of the Greenbelt Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services. The team is here to verify that the Greenbelt Police Department meets the commission's state-of-the art standards as part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session, August 7 at 7 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City of Greenbelt Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 240-542-2105 on August 8 between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as comments at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Road. Contact Sgt. Carl

Schinner, 240-542-2102.

The Greenbelt Police Department must comply with all applicable standards to gain accredited status. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

The accreditation team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors are team leader Bradley Bloom, chief of police, Hinsdale Police Department, Hinsdale, Illinois; team members Sean Kelly, lieutenant, Durham Police Department, Durham, New Hampshire; and Cheryl Ferreira, Brown University Police Department, Cumberland, Rhode Island, retired. Once the commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

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Miss Greenbelt

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Carnival Booths

Carnival booths are available to all community groups, offering them the opportunity to earn income and alert festival-goers to their activities. Booths must be staffed all weekend – Friday through Monday. Groups who have not previously participated or returning groups who have not received an invitation should call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794.

Information Day

Groups wishing to share information about their cause, mission or product (no sales permitted) can do so during Information Day on Saturday, September 2. Call Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605. Information Day applications



are also available on the festival website.

Craft Show

The Festival will be hosting its second craft show on Sunday, September 3. This show is open to all crafters. No notice will be sent to crafters who appeared at the show last year so all interested crafters should contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605. Craft show applications are available on the festival website.

Talent Show

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Parade

Parade Chair Linda Ivy is currently taking applications from parade groups by email at lindaivy@aol.com. Parade applications are also available on the festival website.

Art/Photo Shows

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Shuttle Buses

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Business Contributions

Area businesses wishing to contribute to the Festival should contact Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050. Contributors receive public acknowledgment in Festival materials. The Festival's success is directly related to the outside contributions it receives.

Volunteers

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Website

The Festival website is www.greenbelt.com/laborday. The site is updated regularly and already sports the weekend's tentative schedule and other information. Email to festival organizers can be sent through a link at the website.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Festival Committee will be Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Those interested in helping with this year's Festival are invited to attend.

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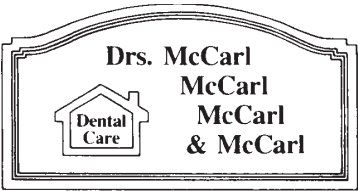


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“Wayward Saints” Seen Here

by Eli Flam

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Early on – “the time is NOW” – a costumed cast of nine in a down-on-its-luck, long-on-the-road commedia dell’arte troupe introduce themselves with many a twist and turn. Head-man Harlequin (Steve Kramer) leads the way for inter alia cutting, thrusting and overall folderol, mixed with laments of individual and collective fates.

Make way for Scapino the Acrobat (Jaimee Worzel), Old Man Pantalone (Jon Marget), the Learned Dottore (Bill Jones), Capitano the Warrior (Michael Parker/John Malloy), Tristano the Lover (Christian Stone), Isabella the Sweetheart (Delia Zielinski), Colombine the Nag (Jo Rake) and Ruffiana the Tart (Michelle Reed).

Then Harlequin braces them up; a Duke in the audience will pay them if they perform a show to his satisfaction. They’ll be able to go home, at long last!

But first: depict The History of Man. The Warrior and Dottore cavil about who will play God; then pushy second-guessing upsets successive scenes on Adam and Eve, Odysseus and Julius Caesar. By the end of Act I, the riven troupe – like the Roman Empire – is headed for collapse; cast members slink off.

In Act II, maskless, dispirited, solo Harlequin is surprised by Scapino’s return.

“Why did you come back?” he asks.

“The show,” his offspring re-



Part of “A Company of Wayward Saints” debate their strategy for returning home. From the left are Jo Rake, Bill Jones, Steve Kramer and Jon Marget, with Deliz Zielinski front right.

plies, “must go on!”

Others return in a stew of hurt pride and renewed squabbling to conclude they need each other. Then, straight up in modern dress, they take turns at several “sequences” that end with a captured priest and chesty revolutionary fencing for common ground.

Two Plays in One

So the audience gets two plays in one or one in two parts. If matters flag here and there and the thread of the play seems strained betimes, overall the evening shakes down to much ado about some things that are at theater’s heart. And you can choose which act suits you best. Here’s a vote for #1.

“Wayward Saints” debuted (in Minnesota) in 1966 and was revised in 1994. The Bowie company, founded in 2004, focuses on theater-related themes.

“We are all about experimentation,” says artistic director Betsy Delaney – as reflected in the spirited current production. (Some 20 years ago, reports a Black Box founder, Greenbelt Arts Center did its own version of the play in Old Greenbelt Theatre.)

Remaining performances are Fridays, July 14 and 21, Saturdays, July 15 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Make reservations at 301-441-8770; see also www.outoftheblackbox.org.

School Starts Early – Register Today

The Prince George’s County Public School (PGCPS) system is encouraging students and parents enrolling in a school for the first time or transferring to a different school to complete the registration process this month for the 2006-2007 school year which begins on August 21. Registering early is particularly important at the high school level where more than 2,000 students attend some schools. Early registration also provides the transportation information needed to plan school bus routes.

While registering early, parents have an opportunity to obtain information on programs offered at their child’s school – including honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and FOCUS programs – in addition to extended learning opportunities.

Counselors will be available to assist, if needed, with the registration process for new international students and provide

orientation sessions for a smooth transition into a new school environment for children and families. Counselors can also assist with school transfer information and respond to other issues of concern.

Only a parent or court-appointed guardian may register a student in a Prince George’s County public school. Proof of residence is a prerequisite to school admission. Proof of age is required for kindergarten and new first grade students.

Any student who is not a U.S. citizen or lives where English is not the primary language at home is referred to the PGCPS International Student Guidance Office, 301-445-8460, for an interview and assistance in completing registration forms. New international students are not accepted into a school until an interview has taken place. The complete list of PGCPS registration requirements is available online at <http://www.pgcps.org>.

Annual Song Festival Is All Day Saturday

A morning show for children opens the 5th Annual Festival of Song in Roosevelt Center Saturday, July 15. Doug Way starts with his mix of country and bluegrass, blues and rock, from 10 to 11 a.m. Greta Ehrig follows from 11 to noon. Ehrig is a singer/songwriter/poet/arts educator who works almost entirely with children, helping them to find their own creative voices.

The Festival of Song is a free outdoor concert featuring local musicians and songwriters performing their own work. A full afternoon and evening of music follows the morning children’s program, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Afternoon Songwriters

1 to 1:45 – Meredith Nnoka lives to write and perform songs. Her singular voice tells the story of the sometimes shy sometimes angry and sometimes weary spirit of youth.

2 to 2:45 – Ashraf Dawood is a well kept secret and seldom seen outside a small circle of back room concerts and house concerts. The Festival will expose this hidden jewel to a larger audience.

3 to 3:45 – Kyle Justin uses his knowledge and life experiences to write songs that merge the stylistic pop music of the Beatles with Motown’s soulfulness and today’s contemporary classics. Justin recently was a weekly winner of the “Cream: Best of Philly Rising” at World Café Live.

4 to 4:45 – Steve Key, who wrote “Record Time (33, 45, 78)” recorded by country star Kathy

Mattea, won the New Folk Songwriting Contest at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas and was a top finalist in the 2003 New Song Festival contest. He is known for humorous songs, story songs, folk ballads, sing alongs and anthems of heart and home.

5 to 5:45 – Ali Michelle is a mix of many ideas. She has been playing guitar for four years and has been a passionate singer since the age of four. Her love for music has led her to become a songwriter that loves to experiment with new sounds and instruments.

6 to 6:45 – Dan Zimmerman is an intriguing mix of the singer songwriter one might expect to find on college campuses and a radically unrestrained lyricist whose poem stories need more than one or two listens to fully comprehend. He invents his music.

7 to 7:45 – Tom Bianchi brings an irreverent tone to his performances and keeps a pinch of raw humor in his cheek. His songs are about fun and making fun of the all too serious among his audiences. He has honed his performance skills in the clubs and subways of greater Boston.

8 to 9 p.m. – Heather Lloyd and Rob Hinkle teamed up several years ago and have become one of the area’s strongest duo songwriting teams. Their music runs the gamut from pure heart-felt urban folk to an almost lightning strike of fast rock staccato. There is never anything ordinary in their work.

The Festival is produced annually by the New Deal Café and is co-sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting grants from the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George’s Arts Council, Prince George’s County and contributions from individuals and Roosevelt Center merchants.

Review

“Wayward Saints” at Arts Center Offers a “Whirlwind of a Play”

by Carol Griffith

Check your senses of time and place at the door of the Greenbelt Arts Center and hold onto your chair – then you’ll be prepared for the whirlwind of a play-within-a-play that is currently showing, “A Company of Wayward Saints.” The background of the play is its illustration of “Commedia dell’arte,” a form of improvised comedy that dates back to Renaissance times yet still influences modern theater.

Although the program indicates that the setting is here and the time is now, the play opens with an introduction to a troupe of wandering actors and actresses dressed in Shakespearean-era costumes and masks. Each plays a stock character in the company – the Manager, Acrobat, Old Man, Learned, Warrior, Lover, Sweetheart, Nag and Tart. The troupe has been wandering the country, acting in their scripted plays but never earning enough money to return home.

This night, however, a duke in the “audience” offers to pay their way home if they stage a play for him. The play he demands is “The History of Man,” which the company assumes to be the story of ancient civilizations to the present. Thus begins the com-

pany’s very funny performances of the story of Adam and Eve, a scene from “The Odyssey” and Julius Caesar’s death. But what began as friendly rivalries turns, in the course of these scenes, into bitter fighting and the troupe breaks up at the end of Act One.

Act Two begins with the company gradually joining together, each realizing that they will not be able to return home individually and their only chance is to work together. They rethink how to proceed with the play the duke has demanded and approach it as the history of one man – his birth, adolescence and marriage. They stage new scenes, set in modern America, which are very sweet and touching – not only for their content but also in showing how the characters have learned to work together. The ending resolves whether their efforts will be rewarded by the duke.

This is the second production of OutOfTheBlackBox Theatre Company of Bowie, directed by Betsy Delaney. The acting is excellent, particularly given the range of the play. Steve Kramer, as Harlequin, the Manager, is especially good in his role.

The play continues at Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, on July 14 and 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and July 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available through the Greenbelt Arts Center box office by calling 301-441-8770.

Office of Tourism Has Free Event Calendars

The Maryland Office of Tourism reminds residents there are still free calendars of Maryland events, fairs and festivals available for the asking. As the season for these predominantly summer and fall events goes into full swing, the office will send calendars by mail to those who request them by calling 1-800-519-7900 or requesting them at the www.visitmaryland.org website.

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